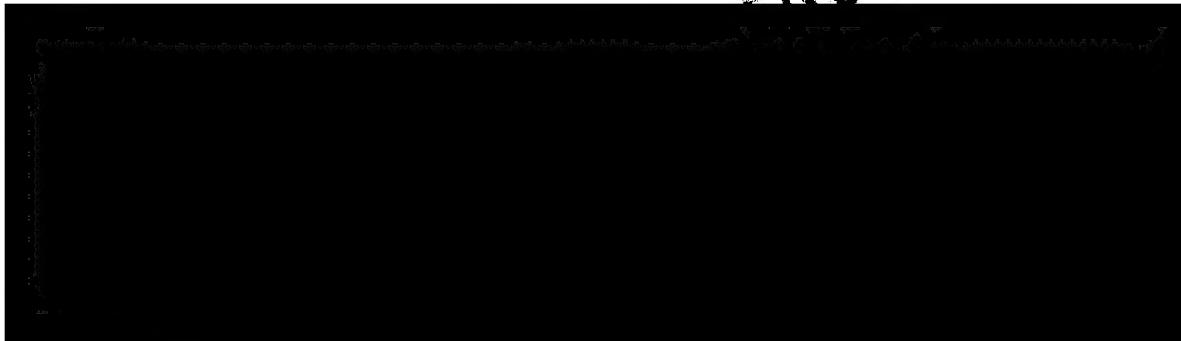


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1. "Arab politics seldom can be taken at face value, as was disclosed by a handbill distributed here [Beirut] recently to US sailors of the visiting US Sixth Fleet.
2. "On the surface of it, the handbill, published by a Beirut newspaper called Sada-Loubnan, was a more or less straightforward attempt to present the Arab side of the case in the Palestine dispute.
3. "It reminded its readers that the creation of Israel not only gave homes to 1,000,000 Jews, but also uprooted nearly the same number of Palestinian Arabs, still living as refugees in the surrounding Arab lands.
4. "'Go ahead and visit some of these (refugee) camps,' the US sailors were urged. 'There are two of them right here in Beirut. If you have not been urged to see all that misery, then someone has pulled some very thick wool over your Navy eyes.'
5. "The pamphlet, signed by M. Baalbaki, editor of Sada-Loubnan, then sought to persuade its readers that 'Jewish Americans, who through advertisers control some of your press and through their votes can influence your politicians, went to work,' with the result that 'your diplomats at the UN cajoled and intimidated a majority of other nations into creating the State of Israel.'
6. "This concept, undoubtedly somewhat strange to many of its readers, was carefully prefaced by a profession of friendship for the American people, and by an account of the part played by Protestant educators and missionaries in building friendly relations between the Lebanese and American peoples.
7. "The handbill also included a statement which is largely true, that Lebanon accords its Jews 'the same rights it grants all its citizens. They peacefully live in homes and go about their business like everybody else.'

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8. "Up to this point few Lebanese would have found anything to disagree with in Sada-Loubnan. But the fact is that most Lebanese read the pamphlet on a second and deeper level, which would have escaped the newcomer to the Arab scene.
9. "In the first place, it was written, not by M. Baalbaki who signed it, but by Said Taky Din, prominent member of the National Syrian Social Party, and was published by Sada-Loubnan solely because this paper is one of the principal mouthpieces of the party.
10. "The National Syrian Social Party, known more commonly here [Beirut] as the PPS, aims at the political union of Lebanon and some other Arab lands--plus what now is Israel--within a 'natural Syria,' and thus has been outlawed by the Lebanese Government for what are termed 'subversive activities.'
11. "Thus the pamphlet contained statements along the party line with which many Arabs sharply disagree, such as the sentence that 'Palestine has always been an integral part of Syria, as New Jersey is of the US.'
12. "Very few Palestinians, as a matter of fact, have given any evidence of agreeing that their country lies within Syria, any more than Most New Jersey citizens would like to see a merger of their state within New York.
13. "The handbill also included a charge with which many Lebanese would disagree, that US 'oil interests' are indirectly fostering Communism by 'milking' the Lebanese people out of royalties rightly due them, and by 'browbeating' Lebanese labor.
14. "'You, of course, remember,' the handbill remarked, 'that your Treasury is prosecuting (the oil interests) for doing the US people out of US\$60,000,000 in income tax evasions.
15. "'Well, some of these gents are operating here in a big way. The corrupt few amongst them have formed an alliance with some of our corrupt ... They have dummy corporations, hush money, collusions, cherchez la femme, the kick-back, and a by-product of oil which whitewashes everything.'
16. "This was a clear reference to the current claim of the Lebanese Government that the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company (Tapline) is underpaying Lebanon for the privilege of carrying oil through its pipeline to the Lebanese city of Sidon, though Tapline only eight months ago negotiated a new agreement with the last Lebanese Government, under which royalty rates were substantially raised.
17. "It is no secret here [Beirut] that the PPS is actively trying to inflame and keep this issue alive, partly to embarrass the Lebanese Government financially and politically should new negotiations fail, and thus possibly bring one step closer 'eventual' union with Syria.

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18. "The handbill was folksy in its language, to say the least, as when it spoke of Charles Malik, Lebanon's distinguished Ambassador to the US.
19. "Today, the pamphlet said, 'our representative in Washington goes by the name of Charles Malik. Oftentimes he bums around the US giving lectures about high-grade social problems. But he talks philosophy, so let's skip him.'
20. "It is wholly possible that the handbill gave visiting US sailors a few facts about Lebanon and the Palestine issue which they previously had not known.
21. "To Lebanese readers, however, and to observers of the Arab scene, the handbill was a clever attempt to write for two audiences at once--the US sailors on the one hand, and those Lebanese on the other who have not yet made up their minds concerning the activities of the PPS."

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